

**Bonnyclabber.**  
New drinks have sometimes a glorious and brief popularity. Lord Stratford, writing to Lord Cottingham in 1835, extols "bonnyclabber," which he says "is the bravest, freshest drink you ever tasted. Your Spanish don would, on the heats of Madrid, hang his nose and shake his head an hour over every sop he took of it and take it to be the drink of the gods all the while."

No one, however, seems to know the exact composition of the seductive "bonnyclabber," although from an allusion to it by Ben Jonson it would seem to have been a mixture of beer and buttermilk.—London Chronicle.

#### Willing to Divide.

Cobble—I should like to lend you that \$10, old man, but I know how it would be if I did. It would end our friendship. Stone—Well, old chap, there has been a great deal of friendship between us. I think if you could make it five we might worry along on half as much.—Life.

#### A Woman's Face.

From an artistic point of view a woman's face is more beautiful when viewed from the left.

#### A Little Temperance Tragedy.

"Don't drink any more, John. You've got too much already."  
"No, I haven't."  
"Yes, you have, and you'll be drunk again."  
"Aw, what do you want to worry about that for? It's me that has the headache next morning."  
"I know, John, but it's me that has the headache all the time."—New York Times.

#### The Price of Love.

Says an advertisement in the London Express: "Mary—Waited three hours at appointed spot until questioned by suspicious policeman. If this is the price of love it is too heavy a one for me to pay. Farewell, Potts."

#### Time and Patience.

No road is too long for him who advances slowly and does not hurry, and no attainment is beyond his reach who equips himself with patience to achieve it.—La Bruyere.

#### Balm of Gilead.

Balm of Gilead is costly, for the balm bush yields only a few drops a day in the tapping season.

### THE BELTED PLAID.

This Was the Original Dress of the Scottish Highlander.

The original dress of the Highlander was the belted plaid. This was a piece of tartan cloth, two yards broad and four long, which was drawn around the waist in nicely adjusted folds and tightly buckled with a belt. The lower part came down to the knees in much the same manner as the modern kilt while the upper part was drawn up and adjusted to the left shoulder, so that the right arm might be perfectly free. This upper part was the plaid, which was used as a covering for the shoulders and body in wet weather, and when the use of both arms was required it was fastened across the breast with a brooch, often curiously enriched. A brooch was also used to fasten the plaid on the left shoulder. To attire himself in the belted plaid required on the part of the Highlander no small amount of dexterity. The usual way was to lay it on the floor and after carefully arranging the folds to lie down upon it and then buckle it on. The lower end was fastened at the right hip. The utility of such a dress in the highlands is obvious, for the plaid rendered the man indifferent to storms and prepared to pass a night in the open air in the most inclement weather, while the loose undergarment enabled him to wade rivers or ascend mountains with equal ease. It was thus peculiarly adapted to the warrior, the hunter and the shepherd.—London Mail.

### SHE LOVED SNUFF.

Remarkable Will and Funeral of a Queer Englishwoman.

The will of Mrs. Margaret Thompson, which is preserved as a curiosity at Somerset House, England, is a tribute to the delights and consolations of snuff. The testatrix directed that in her coffin should be buried with her all her handkerchiefs and sufficient of the best Scotch snuff to cover her body. This she preferred to flowers, as "nothing could be more fragrant and so refreshing to me as that precious powder." Further, the six greatest snuff takers in the parish of St. James, Westminster, were to be her bearers. Six old maids, each bearing in her hand a box filled with the best Scotch snuff to take for their refreshment as they walked, were to bear the pall. Before the corpse the minister was to walk, carrying and partaking of a pound of snuff. At every twenty yards a handful of snuff was to be delivered to the bystanders, and at the door of the testatrix's house were to be placed two bushels of the same quality of snuff for gratuitous distribution. In order to insure the carrying out of her wishes the testatrix made the legacies given by the will dependent upon an exact and literal fulfillment of the conditions above named. In closing she bade all concerned to regard snuff as the grand cordial of nature.

#### Toned It Down.

"King Edward," said an English visitor in New York, "hated snobishness. To show how ridiculous snobishness was he used often to tell about an alphabet book of his childhood."

"This book had alliterative sentences arranged under each letter, thus: 'Calious Caroline caged a cur cruelly.'"

"Henry hated the heat of heavy hats."

"Under the letter V came the facetious sentence: 'William Vilkins viped his veskit.'"

"But the young prince's snobish tutors thought this sentence too vulgar and low for their charge and accordingly they substituted for it the more refined and genteel line: 'Vincent Vining viewed a vacant villa.'"

#### Genius and Mediocrity.

Cornell did not speak correctly the language of which he was such a master. Descartes was silent in mixed society. Themistocles, when asked to play on a lute, said, "I cannot fiddle, but I can make a little village into a great city." Addison was unable to converse in company. Virgil was heavy colloquially. La Fontaine was coarse and stupid when surrounded by men. The Countess of Pembroke had been often heard to say of Chaucer that his silence was more agreeable to her than his conversation. Socrates, celebrated for his written orations, was so timid that he never ventured to speak in public. Dryden said that he was unfit for company. Hence it has been remarked, "Mediocrity can talk; it is for genius to observe."

#### In Musical Terms.

Chief Editor—Look here, Sharpe, here's a fiddler been hanged for murder. How shall I headline it? Musical Editor—How would "Difficult Execution on One String" do?—St. Louis Times.

#### English as She Spoke.

"Must you go?"  
"Yes. The wife's sitting up for me, and if I miss the last train I shall catch it."—Lippincott's.

#### A Hard Job.

Husband—What are you looking for, dear? Wife—I was looking for the invisible hairpin I just dropped.—Exchange.

#### Medieval Monarchs.

Almost every medieval monarch claimed a whole or a part of the dominions of almost every other and insisted on inserting his claim in his list of official titles. In treatises and all official documents the whole list was religiously copied, and as it often happened that the two negotiating monarchs had some of the same titles it became usual to insert a clause in the list, non praedjudicando, in order to indicate that, no matter how absurd, inappropriate or untrue were the titles, they were understood to be inserted because they pleased the monarch who claimed them, that they did not confer a valid claim, and so no harm was likely to result from their use.

### A GASTRONOMIC JOY.

Old English Recipe For the Famous Soupe a la Crecy.

In the "Illustrated London Cookery Book," by Frederick Bishop, late caterer to St. James' palace, Earl Grey, the Marquis of Stafford, Baron Rothschild, Earl Norbury, Captain Duncombe and many of the first families of Great Britain (1852), we find this recipe for soupe a la Crecy:

"Cut half a pound of lean ham in dice, three onions, four turnips, twelve carrots (the outer side red only), a head of celery, a fagot of sweet herbs, two blades of mace, six cloves, a bay leaf and half a pound of salt butter. Fry all down in a stewpan until they get a little brown; then add some second stock and stew until all the roots are quite tender; then rub it through a tammy sieve or tammy cloth with two long spoons. If very thick add more stock. Season with cayenne and black pepper and salt and a good bit of sugar. Send up on a napkin some nice fried bread cut in small dice and not greasy."

This is far less elaborate than it sounds and is, indeed, in the main the recognized recipe for the royal soup. The spice is, if anything, a trifle overdone, and the carrots want to be well chosen, as the slightest stringiness destroys the homogeneity of the compound. The bread dice are important and should be fried in the very best butter or superlatively good olive oil.—Fall Mail Gazette.

### CORDITE.

Made of Two Powerful Explosives Kneaded Into Paste.

Cordite is the outcome of the strange paradox that if you mix together two powerful explosives the result is a smokeless slow burning powder. Nitroglycerin and gun cotton mixed together with a little petroleum jelly make cordite. It is curious to see the two deadly explosives being kneaded together into a paste by women with the same unconcern as dough is kneaded for bread. Indeed, machines similar to those used in bakeries take up the work and knead the buff colored cordite paste for seven hours. Then it is forced through molds and issues in long cords—hence the name cordite—the thickness of which is varied according to the weapon in which it is to be used.

For big guns cordite is half an inch thick and cut into lengths of thirty-seven inches. Rather more than a thousand of these cordite sticks packed in two bundles make up the cartridge for a twelve inch gun. For the rifle cordite is pressed into a very thin string, like the finest macaroni, and sixty of these strands one inch and a half long make the neat little bundle which lies inside the cartridge case. For some European armies cordite is made in flat thin strips like whalebone. Kept away from fire, cordite can be handled with impunity.—London Graphic.

#### Had Narrow Escapes.

Two firemen were slightly injured and several others had narrow escapes in a fire which practically wiped out the Red Rock Company's ginger ale manufacturing plant, Eighth street, between Liberty street and Evergreen avenue, Jacksonville, entailing a loss of \$15,000.

### Strike Situation Brighter.

With another cigar factory added to the list, which has reopened since the manufacturers determined to make their fight for the "open shop," and some hundred and odd new men going to work at the branches in the various factories, there is further evidence of a nature indisputable that the strike of the tobacco workers is on the wane. The feeling of unrest among the strikers has been more manifest during the past few days than for some time past. There have been larger accessions to the factories each day than for the same day for the preceding week, and altogether the situation has become more promising.

#### Buy's Desirable Property.

Dr. G. E. Welch has just purchased the Ellwood home place in the north end of Palatka. It is one of the most desirable pieces of property in Palatka and during the lifetime of Mr. and Mrs. Ellwood was occupied by them as a winter residence when they were in Florida and made Palatka headquarters.

#### County Treasurer Dies.

Thomas C. Pastur, Marion county's popular and efficient treasurer, died suddenly in Ocala of heart failure at Carlton House, where he boarded. He was found about six o'clock in the morning sitting in a chair dead and he had probably been dead for several hours. Mr. Pastur had been county treasurer for six years or more and had made a splendid official. He was about 45 years of age.

#### Bark Is Given Up.

The Italian bark Penny, which sailed from Pensacola June 24, with a cargo of lumber for Concepcion, Uruguay, has been given up for lost. Not a word has been received from her and no vessel has reported seeing her since she has been out.

#### Men Had Narrow Escape.

Attempts to rescue an unknown man, who, clinging to an upturned boat, was drifting to sea, nearly cost the lives of nine men at East Pass Bar, when seas were rolling high. He was drowned. The rescue party was capsized, but was picked up by a passing vessel.

#### Pushing Railroad Work.

The work of extending the Ocala Northern railway through to Palatka is being rapidly pushed to completion. E. R. Rentz, president of the new road, expects to have trains running between Ocala and Palatka by July 1, 1911. The nearest railroad route to Palatka is seventy-nine miles, which will be cut down to forty-nine miles when the Ocala Northern is completed.

**CRIMES AND CASUALTIES** Miss Eva Peek, a teacher in the Boulevard school, who had been ill since Sunday at the Wesley Memorial hospital in Atlanta, Ga., with pneumonia and cerebral complications, jumped out of her room window on the third floor Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock and was fatally injured, dying shortly before 2 o'clock without ever recovering consciousness.

It is better to hold back a truth than to speak it ungraciously.—De Sales.

### FAMOUS STAR GROUP.

The Constellation Orion in Legend and Literature.

The constellation Orion is mentioned in the literature of all ages. In Egypt it represented Horus, the young or rising sun, in a boat surmounted by stars, closely followed by Sirius, which was shown as a cow. It has also been found sculptured on the walls of Thebes 5,000 years ago. And on the men of that early time it shone down from the same position and with the same brightness as it does on us today, a striking example of the unchangeableness of the heavens.

From the days of the early Hindus to the present the constellation has for some reason borne always a stormy character. Allusions to its direful influence are found everywhere among the classic writers. Thus Milton wrote:

When with fierce winds Orion arrived  
Hath vexed the Red sea coast.

The loss of the Roman squadron in the first Punic war was ascribed to the fleets having sailed just after the rising of Orion. The group has also been employed as a calendar sign, its morning rising indicating the beginning of summer, its midnight rising the season of grape gathering and its early evening rising the arrival of winter, with its attendant storms. In recent times the group has always represented a great hunter or warrior. Its present title came into Greek astronomy from the Euphrates and originally signified the light of heaven.

#### Contrary Human Nature.

"I suppose it is our natural contrariness which makes us do such paradoxical things."

"Such as what?"  
"As makes us long for things when we are short."—Baltimore American.

### PRIZE RING FATALITIES.

Unprecedented Number of Deaths During Year 1910.

In all the history of the prize ring, from Tom Cribbs' time down to the present there has never been recorded in a single year anything approaching the number of deaths directly due to boxing contests that have occurred thus far this season.

The death at Presque Isle, Maine, of Billy Dunning, one of the few boxers who could point to a draw with Jack Johnson, the world's heavyweight champion, made the sixteenth fatality in the prize ring in 1910, while there are at least two other boxers now lying at this point in hospitals, one being the veteran, Andy Daly, famous ten years ago.

These fatalities of the prize ring have extended from the eastern coast of Maine to the Pacific ocean, and as far south as Bluefields, Nicaragua, where a corporal in Uncle Sam's service met his death in a friendly contest with the gloves. In the past, two or three deaths in a season from boxing have been sufficient to attract general attention, while many years not a single fatality has been reported.

The total of sixteen to date in 1910 is unprecedented. In the majority of instances the victims have been experienced boxers, whose injuries were received in scheduled bouts, before recognized "fight clubs."

#### The Fateful Message.

Hubby—Didn't I telegraph you not to bring your mother with you? Wilsey—I could not help it, Frank. She insisted on coming after she'd read your telegram.

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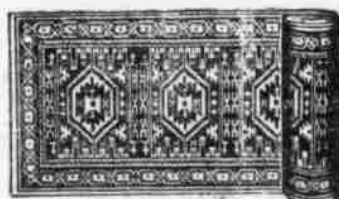
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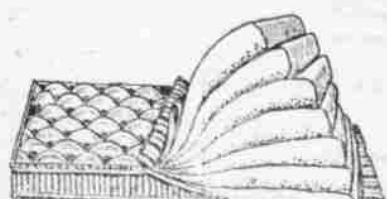
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